

**Remarks/Arguments**

Claims 43-71 have been added. No new matter was introduced by these amendments. Support for the new claims can be found throughout the specification in particular as indicated in the table below:

<b><u>Claim number</u></b>	<b><u>Support</u></b>
43	Column 21, lines 45-50; Column 2, lines 20-60; Column 9, lines 30-34; Column 9, lines 46-53; Column 8, lines 55-60; Column 11, lines 49-53; Column 10, lines 14-18; Column 10, lines 66-67; Column 11, lines 40-42;
44	Column 3, lines 10
45	Claim 1
46	Claim 1
47	Column 27, lines 34-36
48	Column 5, lines 6-11
49	Column 13, lines 20-47
50	Column 27, lines 15-16
51	Column 25, lines 51
52	Column 22, lines 34
53	Column 24, lines 11-13 (osmotic pump systems, dissolution systems); Column 23, lines 60 (liquid solutions, suspensions, and emulsions); Column 38, lines 29 (suppositories)
54	Column 25, line 66
55	Column 25, lines 66-67 (sedative, narcotic, analgesic); Column 27, lines 17-18 (anti-emetic)
56	Column 26, lines 4-6
57	Column 22, lines 36-41
58	Claim 15
59	Column 25, lines 21-36
60	Claim 18
61	Claim 11 and Claim 16
62	Claim 18
63	Claim 6

64	Claim 18
65	Column 5, lines 10-11(phosphate);
66	Column 4, lines 44-46 and Column 4 lines 52-55
67	Column 4, lines 55-57
68	Column 4, lines 57-59
69	Column 4, lines 57-59
70	Column 21, lines 47-48
71	Column 21, lines 47-48

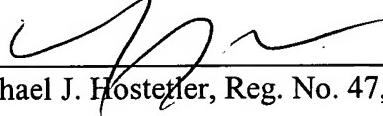
**Conclusion**

Applicants submit this Preliminary Amendment prior to the examination of this application on the merits. Since the present amendment does not introduce new matter, Applicants respectfully request its entry prior to examination of the present application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including petition fees and extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 23-2415 (Docket No. 25922-702.501).

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